

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 13, 2005. Claims 25 to 34, 44 to 52, 53 to 55, 60 to 62, 63 to 65 and 66 to 68 are in the application, of which Claims 25, 44, 53, 60, 63 and 66 are independent.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his continued indication that claims 25 to 34 and 44 to 52 are allowed.

Claims 53 to 56 and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent 5,978,563 (Kawamoto), and claims 57 and 58 were rejected under § 103(a) over Kawamoto in view of art alleged to be well known. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

The invention concerns printing in which a judgment is made as to whether the format of received print data is a page description language or is not a page description language. In correspondence to whether the received print data is or is not a page description language, the print data is assigned to one of plural different developing means for developing into image data, whereafter the developed image data is printed.

It is therefore one feature of the invention that printing may be accomplished whether the print data is or is not a page description language. For example, according to preferred embodiments of the present invention that are described in the specification, it is possible to print not only print data in a page description language, but also print data that is not in a page description language, such as print data in a format of GDI or XML.

Kawamoto describes printing based on print data received in a page description language, but nowhere describes printing of print data that is not in a page

description language. That is, although it is true that Kawamoto mentions the "Interpress" page description language, and infers that it is possible to use its apparatus with page description language other than the Interpress PDL, Kawamoto nowhere describes any situation in which print data is received in a format that is not a page description language.


It is therefore respectfully submitted that independent claim 53 is fully in condition for allowance.

New claims 60 to 68 have been added and are believed to be patentable. These claims are directed to printing in which there is a judgment as to whether the format of received print data is a page description language or is not a page description language. Kawamoto is not seen to make any such judgment, and as a consequence Kawamoto could not possibly disclose or suggest any of the subsequent processes and structures that are also defined by these new claims.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the application is fully in condition for issuance, and a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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